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"I HAVE LIVED."

Synopsis.-Writing long after the events describer, Jack Calder, Scot farmer of West Inch, tells how, in his childhood, the fear of invasion by Napoleon, at that time complete master of Europe, had gripped the British nation. Following a false alarm that the French had landed, Jim Horscroft, the doctor's son, a youth of fifteen, quarrels with his father over joining the army, and from that incident a lifelong friendship begins between the boys. They go together to school at Berwick, where Jim is cock boy from where Jim is cock boy from the first. After two years Jim goes to Edinburgh to study medicine. Jack stays five years more at school, becoming cock boy in his turn. When Jack is eighteen Cousin Edie of Eyemouth comes to live at West Inch. Jack falls in live at first sight with his handsome, romantic, selfish and auto-cratic cousin of seventeen. They watch from the cliffs the victory of an English merchantman over two French privateers. Reproached by Edie for staying at home, Jack starts to enlist. Edie tells him to stay. Jack says he will stay and marry her. She acquiesces. Jim comes home. Jack sees Jim kiss-ing Edle. Jack and Jim compare notes and force Edle to choose between them. She chooses Jim. Jack gives up Edie to Jim. A half-dead shipwrecked foreigner drifts ashore

CHAPTER VI-Continued.

at West Inch. He says he is Bon-aventure de Lapp, a soldier of for-tune. The Calders take him in.

"What think ye of that, Martha?" said he. "You've sold the two black tups

after all?" "No, but it's a month's pay for board and lodging from Jock's friend weeks."

distress that we should put such a as well as my own. price on his bit of food."

head wi' his foreign trick of speech," cried my father.

if Scottish men had a little more of coast that autumn, and my uncle, bethat kindly way," she said, and that fore he died, had given us a fine set was the first time in all my life that I of nets, so the gift was worth many had ever heard her answer him back. a pound to us. Sometimes De Lapp

When we were in the sunshine he held day rowing slowly along, and stopping out a little cross made of red stones, every half-dozen strokes to throw over one of the bonniest things that ever I had set eyes upon.

"These are rubies," said he, "and I got it at Tudela, in Spain. I pray that you will take this as a memory of your exceeding kindness to me yesterday. It will fashion into a pin for your cravat."

I could but thank him for the present, which was of more value than anything I had ever owned in my life "I am off to the upper muir to count the lambs," said I. "Maybe you would care to come up with me and see something of the country?"

He hesitated for a moment, and then he shook his head.

"I have some letters," he said which I ought to write as soon as possible. I think that I will stay at

the links, and when I got back he looked as though he had been born and bred in the steading. He sat in the big wooden-armed single chair, with the black cat on his knee. His arms were out, and he held a skeln of worsted from hand to hand, which my mother was busily rolling into a ball. Cousin Edie was sitting near, and I could see by her eyes that she had Let us see now! Let us work it out! been crying.

"Hullo! Edle," said I; "what's the

true women, has a soft heart," said arms, how do you call them-volunhe; "I didn't thought it would have moved her, or I should have been sient. I have been talking of the suffering of some troops of which I knew omething, when they were crossing the Guadarama mountains in the winter of 1808. Ah, yes, it was very bad, troops. War must be learned, my for they were fine men and fine horses. It is strange to see men blown by the wind over the precipices, but the ground was so slippy, and there was by a foreigner. "If we had thirty oothing to which they could hold. So empanies all linked arms, and they did better in that fashion; but one artilleryman's hand came off as I held it, for he had had the frost bite for

I stood staring, with my mouth open "And the old grenadiers, too, who were not so active as they used to be, they could not keep up; and yet if they lingered the pensants would began about each them and crucify them to the to England. barn doors with their feet up and a fire under their heads, which was a and your own laws made at Edin-

interesting to see what they would do. For they would sit down and say their prayers, sitting on an old saddle, or their knapsacks, maybe, and then take off their boot and stocking, and lean their chin on the barrel of their musket. Then they would put their too on the trigger, and pouf! it was all over, and there was no more marching for those fine old grenadiers. Oh! it was very rough work up there on the Guadarama mountains."

"And what army was this?" I asked "Oh! I have served in so many armies that I mix them up sometimes. Yes, I have seen much of war. But there is a man out yonder. Maybe he is the one who your father said would carry my letters to the post,"

"Yes, he is farmer Whitehead's man Shall I give them to him?"

"Well, he would be more careful of them if he had them from your hand.' He took them from his pocket, and gave them over to me. I hurrled out with them, and as I did so my eyes fell upon the address of the topmost one. It was written very large and

> "A.S.Majesto "Le Roi du Suede "Stockholm."

I did not know very much French but I had enough to make that out. What sort of eagle was this which had flown into our humble nest?

CHAPTER VII.

The Corriemuir Peel Tower.

Well, it would weary me, and I am very sure that it would weary you also if I were to attempt to tell you how life went with us after this man came under our roof, or the way in which and as much to come every four he gradually came to win the affections of everyone of us. With the But my mother shook her head when women it was quick work enough, but she heard it. "Two pounds a week soon he had thawed my father, too, is overmuch," said she. "And it is which was no such easy matter, and not when the poor gentleman is in had gained Jim Horscroft's good will

One of his first acts was to give "Why, woman, he's turned your my father the boat in which he had come, reserving only the right to have it back in case he should have need "Aye, and it would be a good thing of it. The herring were down on the Our visitor came down soon, and would go out in the boat alone, and asked me to come out with him. I have seen him for a whole summer stone at the end of a string. I could not think what he was doing un-

til he told me of his own free will. "I am fond of studying all that has to do with the military," said he, "and I never lose a chance. I was wondering if it would be a difficult matter for the commander of an army corps to throw his men ashore here." "If the wind were not from the

east," said I "Ah, quite so, if the wind were not from the east. Have you taken soundings here?"

"No." "Your line-of-battleships would have to lie outside, but there is water enough for a forty-gun frigate right up within musket range. Cram your boats with tirailleurs, deploy them bequiet this morning and get them writ- hind these sand-hills, then back with the launches for more, and a stream of grape over their heads from the frigate. It could be done! It could be done!" His mustaches bristled out more like a cat's than ever, and I could see by the flash of his eyes that

he was carried away by his dream. "You forget that our soldiers would be upon the beach," said I indignantly. "Ta, ta, ta!" he cried. "Of course,

it takes two sides to make a battle. What could you get together? Shall we say twenty-thirty thousand? A few regiments of good troops. The "Ah! mademoiselle, like all good and rest, pour!-conscripts, bourgeois with teers."

"Brave men!" I shouted.

"Oh yes, very brave men, but im becile; ah, mon Dieu, it is incredible how imbecile they would be. Not they alone, I mean, but all young young friend, just the same as the farming of sheep." "Pooh!" said I, not to be outcrowed

thousand men on the line of the hill yonder you would come to be very glad that you had your boats behind you." Sometimes, when he talked, I thought he was loking, and at other times it was not quite so easy to say. I well remember one evening that summer when he was sitting in the kitchen with my father, Jim, and me, after the women had gone to bed, he began about Scotland and its relation

"You used to have your own king, pity for these fine old soldiers. So burgh," said he; "does it not fill you plaster casts when they could go no farther it was with rage and despair when you think lost process.

that it all comes to son from London

Jim took his pipe out of his mouth "It was we who put our king over the English, so if there's any rage it should have been over yonder,"

This was clearly news to the stranger, and it silenced him for the "Well, but your laws are made

down there, and surely that is not good," he said at last. "No; it would be well to have a

parliament back in Edinburgh," said my father; "but I am kept so busy with the sheep that I have little enough time to think of such things." "It is for fine young men like you two to think of it," said De Lapp. When a country is injured it is to its young men that it looks to avenge it."

"Aye, the English take too much pon themselves sometimes," said Jim. "Well, if there are many of that way of thinking about, why should we not form them into battalions and march them upon London?" cried De

"That would be a rare little picnic." said I, laughing; "and who would lead us?"

He jumped up, bowing with his hand on his heart in his queer fashion. "If you would allow me to have the honor!" he cried and then, seeing that we were all laughing, he began to laugh also, but I am sure that there was really no thought of a joke in his mind.

I could never make out what his age could be, nor could Jim Horscroft either. Sometimes we thought that he was an oldish man that looked young, and at others that he was a youngish man who looked old. On the whole, we thought that he might be about forty or forty-five, though it was hard to see how he could have seen so much of life in the time. But one day we got talking of ages, and then he surprised us.

I had been saying that I was just twenty, and Jim said that he was twenty-seven.

"Then I am the most old of the three," said De Lapp. We laughed at this, for by our reckoning he might almost have been

our father. "But not by so much," said he, arching his brows. "I was nine-and-twen-

ty in December," And it was this even more than his talk which made us understand what an extraordinary life it must have been that he had led. He saw our as-

tonishment, and laughed at it. "I have lived. I have lived," he cried. "I have spent my days and my nights. I led a company in a battle where five nations were engaged when I was but fourteen. I made a king turn pale at the words I whispered in his ear when I was twenty. I had a hand in remaking a kingdom and putting a fresh king upon a fresh throne very year that I came of age.

Mon Dieu! I have lived my life." That was the most that I ever beard him confess of his past life, and he only shook his head and laughed when we tried to get something more out of him. There were times when we thought that he was but a clever impostor-for what could a man of such influence and talents be loitering here in Berwickshire for?-but one day there came an incident which showed us that he had, indeed, a history in the past.

You will remember that there was an old officer of the Peninsular war who lived no great way from us, the same who danced round the bonfire with his sister and the two maids. He had gone up to London on some business about his pension and his wound money and the choice of having some work given him, so that he did not come back until late in the autumn. One of the first days after his return he came down to see us, and there for the first time he clapped eyes on De Lapp. Never in my life did I lock upon so astonished a face, and he stared at our friend for a long minute without so much as a word. De Lapp looked back at him equally hard, but there was no recognition in his eyes,

"I do not know who you are, sir," he said at last, "but you look at me as if you had seen me before."

"So I have," answered the major. "Never to my knowledge." "But I'll swear it!"

"Where, then?" "At the village of Astorga, in the

De Lapp started, and stared again at our neighbor. "Mon Dieu! what a chance!" he cried; "and you were the English parliamentaire! I remember you very well indeed, sir. Let me have a whisper in your ear." He took him aside, and talked very earnestly with him in French for a quarter of an hour, gesticulating with his hands. and explaining something, while the major nodded his old grizzled head from time to time. At last they seemed to come to some agreement, and I heard the major say "parole d'honneur" several times, and afterwards "fortune de la guerre." after that I always noticed that the major never used the same free fashion of speech that we did toward our lodger, but bowed when he addressed and treated him with a wonder ful deal of respect.

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brother was left on guard. The expected visitor arrived, and was ushered into the parlor by Wilitam Edward, who promptly began to ask questions, as small boys always do. "Mr. Slowcombe," he said, "what's a popinjay?"

young man, thinking hard, "Why-er -It's a rare bird." "Are you a bird, Mr. Slowcombe?"

"Of course not! Ha, Ha!" squirmed his victim. "Well, that's funny!" mused William Edward. "Last night, after you'd gone, ma said you were a jay, and father said there was no doubt about that, but there didn't seem much poppin' the question about you. And now

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But there comes an end to everything, and Freddy went home again, pale yellow of complexion, and languid and feverish. Mother promptly sent for the doctor, who ere bed, and sent him some very unpleasant, but doubtless healing medicine, Grandon came next day and was

permitted to creep upstairs to see how the sufferer was faring. He found the small boy lying wan and pale on his pillow, but received a watery smile an

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